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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Intelligence Advisory Committee
SUBJECT : Central Intelligence Daily Bulletin

1. I want to raise with you again the problem of improving our handling of current intelligence. You will recall that when we discussed this problem in the spring, we agreed on the desirability of improvement, but we postponed any decision until after further study. Since that time we have continued to examine the problem of producing current intelligence relating to the national security. During the same period we have seen a growing demand by senior government officials to be guarded against surprise.

2. I believe we have found a workable formula which will improve our current intelligence production in two major respects:

a. Fuller use will be made of information and views throughout the intelligence community.

b. The recipients of our intelligence production will gain a better-focused view of all important current intelligence.

3. To this end, I plan to replace the present Current Intelligence Bulletin with a new daily publication to be called the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN. I consider it important that the IAC departments and agencies participate in its production.

4. The new publication will be produced and disseminated by CIA on the same schedule as the present daily publication. It will incorporate several changes in format. I refer you to sample copies for 31 October and 1 November which are being forwarded to you through proper channels.

5. The new publication will include a Daily Brief consisting of a summary of current intelligence relating to the national security. This Brief would best be prepared with the direct assistance of IAC representatives sitting as a review

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panel. These representatives would meet daily in CIA with the Assistant Director, Current Intelligence to review the Daily Brief. I shall, of course, retain responsibility for the final form and content of the publication, but each department or agency will have every opportunity to participate in the evaluation of the intelligence presented. In the event of new information received after the Daily Brief has been agreed on, this information will be produced with as much IAC participation as is practicable outside normal business hours.

6. The Daily Brief will be supported by articles treating the more important situations in some detail. Full use of all source materials will be made, and the preliminary views of the IAC department and agencies will be sought early in the day to assist in the preparation of the Daily Brief and supporting articles. In practice, information and views of the IAC components should be made available to CIA as early as possible. To facilitate the work of the review panel, CIA will undertake to disseminate by teletype a preliminary draft of the Daily Brief throughout the IAC by about 1400 hours daily and thereafter as information is received and as time permits before the review panel convenes.

7. I believe the new publication should reach as many senior government officials as is practicable, consistent with its classification, and to this end I would welcome specific IAC recommendations.

8. The new publication should strive to be premonitory in trying to foreshadow coming events and emerging critical situations. It should also seek to maintain a sense of perspective by publishing status reports on recurrent problems and by providing greater daily coverage on scientific, economic, military, and indications intelligence. The format will be flexible and subject to continuing review.

9. I envisage an expansion of the present close working relations among IAC components to achieve the following objectives:

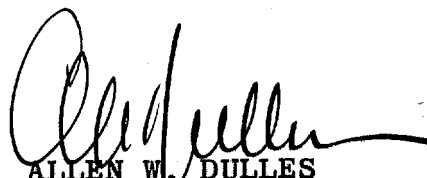
a. An exchange of information and views to ensure that the most important situations are reported on and that recurrent problems are dealt with periodically.

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b. A rapid dissemination of source materials to ensure that all the latest and best intelligence information is being considered.

c. A continuing exchange on the importance of events to ensure that the immediate views of the intelligence community are brought together in a single vehicle.

10. I believe the new publication should be started in the near future, and I am therefore placing this item on the IAC agenda for discussion.


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